

News Release

Russell Kleinschmidt wins Student Conservationist Award from The Wildlife Society

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Russell Kleinschmidt, a UMC senior majoring in wildlife management from Long Prairie, was recently awarded the Student Conservationist Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the professional organization held in Fergus Falls and recognizes the top wildlife student in all of Minnesota's colleges and universities. Kleinschmidt is the 5th UMC student in the last 8 years to win this highly coveted award.

Among several recognitions, Kleinschmidt was recognized with the Bob Fedeler Award last year by the Minnesota Chapter, which entitled him to a one-year membership in The Wildlife Society.

He is the current President of the UMC Chapter of The Wildlife Society advised by wildlife professor, Dr. John Loegering. "Russell's leadership has been excellent. He is a leader in the chapter as well as a role model for the other students. This recognition is well deserved" notes Loegering.

"We are supremely proud of Russell," according to Dr. Daniel Svedarsky, Head of the Natural Resources Department at UMC. "He is an excellent student, socially and academically with a 4.00 g.p.a. He is well liked by his fellow students and professors, is a problem solver, handy with practical skills, is comfortable in the field, is a quick study, and has serious interests and demonstrated experience in wildlife management." Svedarsky continues, "Russell stated once that he aspires to be 'one of the best wildlife managers in the country!' That's a lofty goal but the way he is preparing himself, he might do just that." Kleinschmidt transferred to UMC from Vermillion Community College in Ely where he was a student of Professor Lori Schmidt.

Russell was accepted into the Student Cooperative Education Program (SCEP) with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and is currently planning a career with that agency. Since this agency is on the front lines with private landowners, he can potentially have a huge influence on farmland and wetland wildlife. He grew up on a farm and this background will serve him well working with private landowners. He is currently working part-time at the Crookston field office with the NRCS as he finishes his last semester of college. UMC is one of the major sources of new hires with this federal agency and annually places 6-8 students in the career track program.

In addition to Wildlife Management, the Natural Resources Department offers programs in Park Management, Natural Resources Management, Natural Resource Law Enforcement, Water Resources Management, Natural Resources Aviation, Law Enforcement Aviation, Agricultural Aviation, Horticulture, and Golf and Turf Management. For more information, contact Dan Svedarsky (dsvedars@mail.crk.umn.edu) at 218-281-8129 or Sue Legare at 218-281-8128.

News Categories

[Awards and Recognition](#)

Tweet

Like 0

Share

News Home

News Archives



Small Campus. Big Degree..

- Employment

Events Calendar

Academic Calendar

Library

Directories

Maps, Directions & Parking

Quick Facts

Bookstore

- Faculty & Staff

Email & Calendar

Contact Webmaster

System Website

Home

2900 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716
800-862-6466 | 218-281-6510 | umcinfo@umn.edu

© 2021 Regents of the University of Minnesota. All rights reserved.
The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
[Privacy Statement](#)